



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 291**

LCO No. 901

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:

SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a kinship foster
- 2 care program under the Department of Children and Families that
- 3 would direct that when a child has been removed from their home and
- 4 is in the care, custody or guardianship of the department, the
- 5 department must attempt to identify a relative of the child who would
- 6 be appropriate for placement of the child, and if the department
- 7 determines that it is in the best interest of the child to be placed with a
- 8 relative for foster care, the department shall inform the relative
- 9 regarding procedures to become licensed as a kinship foster parent.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a kinship foster care program within the Department of Children and Families.